

# Arkansas State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

## Council Member Biography

**John Steele** is the deputy director of the 19<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group (MSG) at the Little Rock Air Force Base (AFB). The 19th MSG is responsible for providing civil engineering, contracting, communications, force support, logistics and security force support to Little Rock AFB. The 19<sup>th</sup> MSG supports one of the largest airlift bases in the world and is composed of 5,900 military and civilians, 15,100 dependent family members and 51,800 retirees.

Steele earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Resource Management and Planning from the University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science from Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He also completed the Department of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program in Washington, D.C.

Since beginning his federal career, Steele has served in a variety of assignments at base, major command and field operating agency levels both outside and within the Department of Defense. He has a multi-faced, diverse background concentrating in civil engineering and environmental management. His career includes experience as a U.S. Marine infantryman and three overseas deployments with significant joint service time. He has worked within the Air Force for over 15 years in project development, execution, training and advisory services in civil engineering, environmental compliance, pollution prevention, planning, programming, restoration and conservation management. Throughout these experiences, he supervised civilian, military and contracted technical personnel. In addition, he is a Professional Wetland Scientist and a certified Qualified Environmental Professional.